

Jan. 29, 2026

Community Council Meeting

Sign posted on front door: Jan. 9, 2026

In attendance: Dallas Dixon, Genna Goodwin, Julie Clark, Kyle Clark, Brooklyn McLaws and Lindsay Chandler.

Meeting started by Genna welcoming everyone.

Dallas updates: RMES received Title 1 funding for 2026-2027 school year.

Brooklyn:

- Receiving \$236,000 per Brooklyn
- Money will be allocated in a few ways including hiring a part time Math Interventionist, hiring an additional teacher + .5 for interventionist to go full time.
- Trustland funds paying paras
- Expect 5% cut from education
- 3rd grade Reading Law passed
 - If not @ 3rd grade reading level, student will be retained, effective July 1, 2026.
- \$ allocation: a lot “up in the air”
- Julie asked if we have enough reading support. - yes but lots of unexcused absences per Brooklyn.
- Kyle talked about an article he read referring to when Mississippi implemented the 3rd grade reading law and how it has been beneficial.
- Genna stated Cox is going to push \$\$ with the bill.
- Brooklyn mentioned middle of the year reading scores for our school. Overall doing well, maintaining or dropping just slightly.
 - Dallas talked about school average vs average district wide.
 - Brooklyn: school is between 90 and 92% attendance for the last 4 weeks. Goal is 94% attendance.
 - Dallas handed out “Attendance Nudge Report”
 - Incentivise attendance:
 - Each class will get a 30 second Dance Party
 - Button and will have a sticker chart. Once filled

- the class will get a popcorn party. That will start beginning of next trimester.
- Would like to encourage parents to call and excuse absences.
- Julie talked about Lava Ridge Attendance “Here and Now party” held at the end of the year.
- Dallas talked about District Attendance Policy.
- Brooklyn mentioned Trustlands fund will be used to invest heavily in Reading Paras.
- Brooklyn also talked about the “Leader In Me” program and how it could be beneficial for our students and our school. She talked about how the grant would work if we received it and what would be needed or expected from parents and faculty.
 - “We want to be the school of leadership.”
- Genna asked if there were any bills the Community Council should watch?
 - “not currently”
- Lindsay spoke with Brooklyn about the Safe Routes program.

Meeting ended at 3:30pm